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Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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Date: July 2, 2015
Time: 2:30 pm – 3:15 pm
Place: 1600 Pacific Highway – Room 358
San Diego, CA 92101

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Tom Behr at 2:30p. Those present were Executive Committee members, Tom Behr, Chair, Phillip Deming, 1st Vice Chair, Jenifer Mendel, 2nd Vice Chair, John Sturm, Member-at-Large and Rebecca Hernandez, Member-at-Large. Behavioral Health Services staff, Alfredo Aguirre, BHS Director and Traci Finch, Administrative Analyst III were also present.

II. Hearing from the Public (limited to 2 minutes per speaker)

None

III. Approval of the Agenda

M/S approval of minutes Sturm/Mendel. All ayes

IV. Approval of the Minutes from June 4, 2015

M/S approval of minutes Mendel/Sturm. All ayes

V. Advocate Reporting

Tom Behr reminded the Executive Committee of reporting options discussed last month. It was agreed Advocates will report as follows:

1. If an Advocate has an item to report, they will need to submit in writing to Traci Finch on the fourth Wednesday of each month in time to include in the BHAB packet mail-out.
2. At the request of the Advocate, oral reports may be presented as approved by the Chair. Requests for time on the agenda should be made to Traci by the fourth Wednesday of the month, if possible. The Regular meeting agenda will have a standing item for Advocate Reporting as a placeholder for those who have requested to speak.

VI. Subcommittees

The Executive Committee discussed the potential need of Subcommittees and the following comments were made:

1. All agreed Subcommittees are an effective way of accomplishing the vision and priorities of BHAB. They are ongoing, open meetings that are subject to Brown Act.
2. Per bylaws, subcommittees shall consist of no fewer than three BHAB members, including one member who will act as Chair.
3. Formation and focus of Subcommittees should be agreed upon by the Executive Committee and approved the BHAB as a whole. Members were polled in February/March and a summary of suggestions was provided.
4. Jenifer Mendel suggested a Subcommittee focused on the implementation of Drug Medi-Cal as this is a timely topic.

5. Alfredo Aguirre noted the BHAB Fall Retreat may be an ideal time to address Subcommittees as priorities will be decided and formation of them could be driven by that discussion. The Executive Committee will need to decide if they are willing to wait until the retreat before moving forward.

The Executive Committee discussed their role in the advisory process. Alfredo Aguirre noted the role of BHAB, along with other Advisory Boards, is to stay informed of budgets and planning but not necessarily to approve. He explained that advocacy and influence is best accomplished during community meetings such as the 12 MHSA Regional Forums in October where input is gathered and formally recorded. Alfredo encouraged all BHAB members to attend a session and staff will provide a calendar of dates once finalized.

VII. Future Presentations

Suggestions for future presentations included:

1. A combined presentation from mental health non-profits such as NAMI, MHA, and DBSA were suggested.
2. Collaborative Courts – Alfredo explained the various types of Courts such as drug court, reentry court, and the general mental health court calendar (which will include Laura's Law). A presentation could provide an overview of all or, in the interest of agenda time, focus on only one or two.
3. Laura's Law implementation update – to occur in mid to late 2016
4. Edgemoor

The Executive Committee agreed on the following topics for August, in order of preference, with other topics tabled for future:

1. Drug Court program (first choice)
2. AOD Residential Programs (second choice)
3. Mental Health non-profits (third choice)

It was noted that Katie A./Pathways topic is slated for September and Nick Macchione is scheduled to give a talk in November. BHAB was polled for suggestions earlier in the year and Traci will provide a summary at the next Executive Meeting.

VIII. BHAB Fall Retreat

The Executive Committee selected three possible dates for the Fall Retreat: 10/10, 10/24 and 11/7. Traci will send out a poll to the BHAB members to inquire about availability and select a date by majority.

IX. Ethics Training

Tom Behr reminded the Executive Committee that a two-hour ethics training is required every two years. Traci reviewed options to fulfill this requirement and requested completion by August 31.

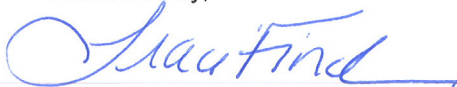
X. Announcements

None

XI. Adjournment

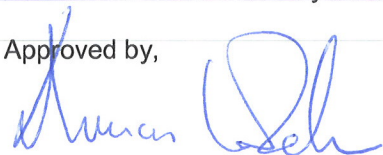
Adjourned at 3:30pm

Reviewed by,



Traci Finch, Administrative Analyst III
Behavioral Health Advisory Board Support Staff

Approved by,



Thomas L. Behr, Chairperson
Behavioral Health Advisory Board